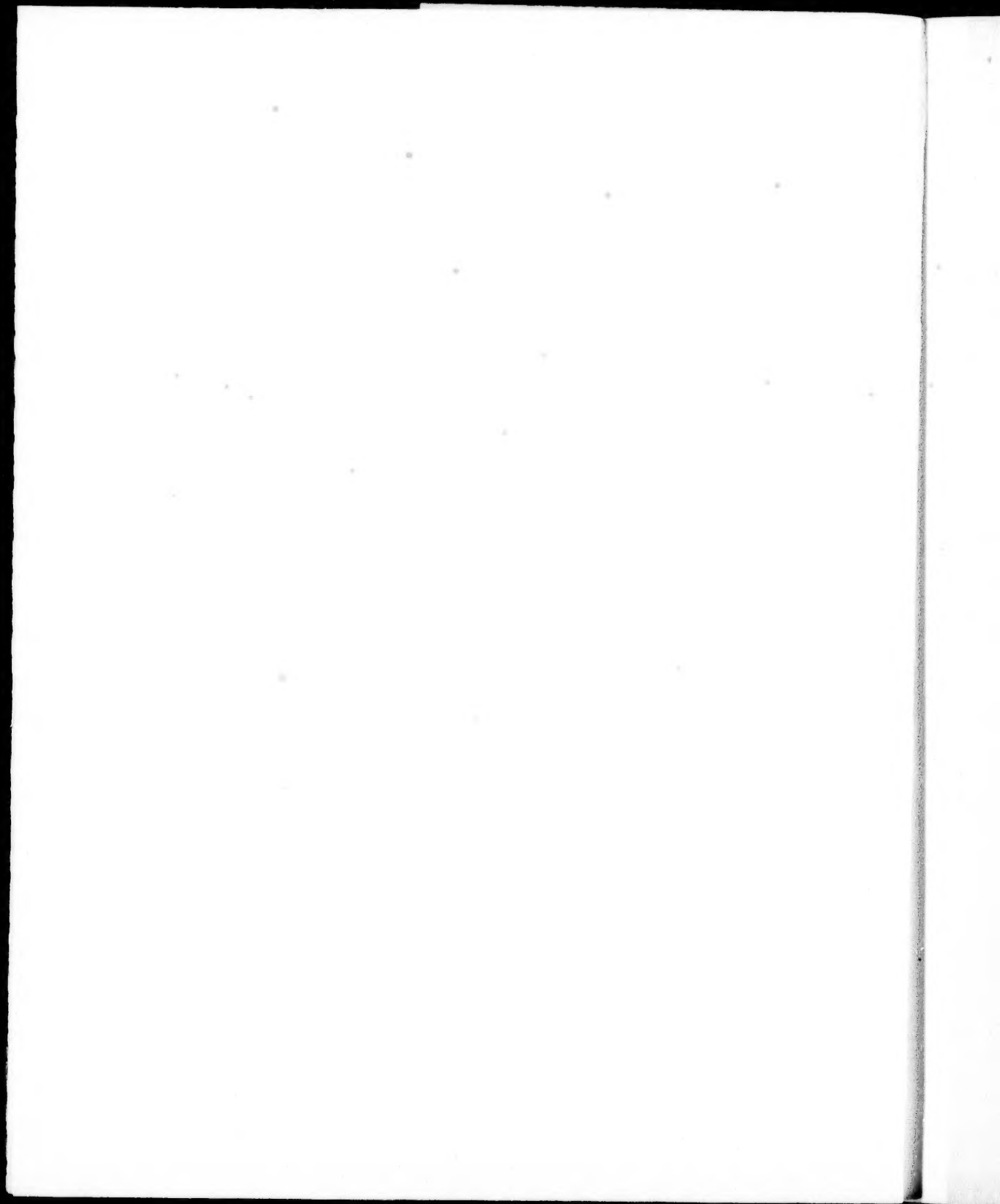




RESOLUTIONS

TO BE PROPOSED AT THE PUBLIC MEETING TO BE
HELD IN THE HALL OF THE EDINBURGH CASTLE,
STEPNEY, 7th OF JANUARY, 1850.

GEORGE FREDERICK YOUNG, ESQ.,
IN THE CHAIR.

1st. That as Labour is the source of all wealth, it evidently follows that the prosperity and independence of Great Britain and her Colonies will be best promoted by *employing* and *protecting* the greatest number of a healthy, industrious, intelligent, and moral population, which can be educated and comfortably maintained by their own industry; and, therefore, in the opinion of this meeting, it is the first and most important duty of the British Legislature, and Her Majesty's Government, to adopt such measures as will best secure employment to every one of the population, and for their labour an abundance of the *necessaries* and *comforts* of life.

2nd. That the UNRESTRICTED FOREIGN CHEAP LABOUR POLICY which has been for a series of years encouraged by the Legislatures of this kingdom, and greatly extended by the present Parliament, is, in the opinion of this Meeting, theoretically wrong and practically injurious to the industrious classes, by compelling them to enter into unfair competition with Capital at home and abroad, destructive to the general prosperity of Great Britain and her Colonies, dangerous to the stability of the Empire, and opposed to the independence and happiness of the whole British population.

3rd. That as the principle of Protection for Native Industry is founded on justice to all, and as the acts of the present Legislature have been opposed to these sentiments and injurious to the welfare of the British population, a Memorial founded on the foregoing Resolutions be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to dissolve the present Parliament, and thereby give an opportunity to those who hold the elective franchise in trust for the whole people to elect such representatives who will insure Protection to every class of Her Majesty's subjects throughout the British Empire.